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Meeting Minutes

Utah Prevention Advisory Council

Wednesday, January 24, 2007

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Department of Human Services – Rooms 224-228



Members Present: Nora B Stephens, Verne Larsen, Brenda Ahlemann, Rebecca Brown, Leslie Dalton, Noreen Heid, Edward Ho, Steve Harrison, Bonnie Athas, Doug Thomas (proxy for Julie Spindler), Peggy Hill, Anne Freimuth, Doug Murakami, Ray Wahl, Teri Pectol, Abbie Paxman, Jerry Bond, Brent Kelsey

Staff: Monica Taylor

Agenda Item: Call to Order

Nora B Stephens called the meeting to order and introductions were made.

- **Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2006 Meeting**

Motion: Noreen Heid made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the November 15, 2006 meeting. The motion was seconded by Teri Pectol and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG)

- **Update on SPF-SIG Grant** – Verne Larsen reported that Craig PoVey is in Washington, D.C. at the SPF-SIG grantee meeting, and will report back at the next UPAC meeting. The information he brings back from this meeting will help drive what happens next as we move forward with the strategic prevention plan.
- **State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) Report** – Verne reported this group is moving forward and there is a lot of data out there to review. The focus of the SEOW is to determine how to use our data to move forward in a positive direction. He also noted that he understands they have put together a draft report that has been sent in and Craig has received feedback. Ed Ho reported they have put together a draft epidemiological report for the state and if anyone would like a copy of the report to let him know.

Agenda Item: 2007 Legislative Session

- **H.B. 91** – Verne Larsen explained this bill will create a new “Law Enforcement Operations Account” within the General Fund that will be funded from criminal surcharges collected. Funding from the account will be distributed annually by CCJJ as grants to law enforcement and other appropriate agencies that work on illegal drug and crime issues. The first priority for the funding will be the state’s multijurisdictional Drug and Crime Task Forces (law enforcement). Additional funds may also be awarded for priority initiatives identified by the Utah Methamphetamine Joint Task Force.
- **H.B. 231** – Nora B Stephens reported that Mary Lou Emerson has asked UPAC to review and recommend a position on this bill. Current state law creates drug-free zones at certain sites where youth congregate and within 1,000 feet of these locations. Penalties for controlled substances violations within Drug-Free Zones are enhanced. Representative Harper’s bill proposes to eliminate

many of the locations in the current law, to focus on those areas that should be most sacrosanct in terms of protecting children, and adds libraries to the list of locations. The bill also reduces the zones to 500 feet. The rationale for the proposed changes is that the current law makes almost the entire state a Drug-Free Zone, with the resulting consequence that the statute is not consistently enforced throughout the state. UPAC members expressed concerns about reducing zones from 1,000 to 500 feet and determined that they needed more information.

Motion: Ray Wahl made a motion to maintain a hold position on H.B. 231. The motion was seconded by Teri Pectol and passed unanimously.

- **Other** – Nora B Stephens asked the Council to look at H.B. 190 and explained the bill would add the herb salvia divinorum to the statutory list of controlled substances and make it a Schedule I controlled substance. The Council discussed this bill.

Motion: Doug Thomas made a motion to take a support in concept position on H.B. 190. The motion was seconded by Bonnie Athas and passed unanimously.

Verne Larsen asked the Council to look at S.B. 43 and explained this bill prohibits a person from smoking in a vehicle when a child is present. The Council discussed this bill.

Motion: Bonnie Athas made a motion to take a support position on S.B. 43. The motion was seconded by Peggy Hill and passed unanimously.

The Council also discussed H.B. 252 – Utah Suicide Prevention Act. The concern the Council had was that this bill creates a task force with only legislators as members, with Human Services and other groups reporting to them. It does not include persons with expertise in the area.

Motion: Ray Wahl made a motion to take an oppose position on H.B. 252. The motion was seconded by Brent Kelsey and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item: Updates on Ongoing Issues

- **Utah Strategic Substance Abuse Prevention Plan** – Verne Larsen reported that in a previous UPAC meeting it was decided a smaller group would meet to work on the strategic plan. Verne said they are planning to this after Craig PoVey returns from the SPF-SIG meeting in Washington.
- **Interagency Cooperative Agreement** – Brent Kelsey reported the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health and the Department of Human Services recognize that prevention is bigger than one agency, and the best way to provide services is to integrate the efforts of all agencies. He said the Interagency Agreement in itself presents an interesting dilemma for an agency that signs it, or an agency that takes it to the Governor's Cabinet to try to get everyone else to sign it. The challenge that has been expressed to him and to this body is "how does this change the way prevention is currently structured and how would signing this document better what's happening today in terms of prevention for Utah citizens?". When Brent presented this to the Department of Human Services they decided they couldn't sign it at this time. The Council was asked to start moving in a different direction, and to think about what can be done to make UPAC a stronger organization and to bring more agencies to the table. The Council suggested that Lisa-Michele Church's assistance be requested in the effort to bring more agencies to the table, and Brent said he would discuss this with her.
- **UPAC Membership**
 - **Membership Commitment Forms** – Monica Taylor reported that now that UPAC falls under the USAAV Council, a quorum is required at the meetings in order to conduct business. She distributed membership commitment forms and explained that those who want to be voting members of UPAC need to sign and submit this form. Monica also noted that a list of those persons who have already signed and submitted the form was included in the meeting packet.

- **USAAV Policies and Procedures Amendment, re: Electronic Participation** – Nora B Stephens referred the Council to the USAAV Policies and Procedures in their packets, and reviewed the new amendment that will permit participation in USAAV meetings via electronic means.
- **Finalize New Member Orientation Packet** – Nora B Stephens reviewed the contents of the orientation packet for new members and noted that it was the third draft.

Motion: Ray Wahl made a motion to accept the New Member Orientation Packet. The motion was seconded by Brent Kelsey and passed unanimously.

- **Utah Grants Website** – Monica Taylor reported that in one of the previous UPAC meetings there was a concern that the Utah Grants website was online, but no one was updating the information. She met with the person who was updating the website and found out what needed to happen. Monica put together a form that needs to be completed in order to include any grants on this website and has previously e-mailed it to the Council. So far, she has not received any requests and will re-send the information.

Agenda Item: UPAC Priorities

Verne referred the Council to the list of priorities voted on in the last meeting in their packets, and suggested that the priorities be re-visited to ensure they reflect the direction UPAC should be moving. Brent Kelsey commented that he thinks this group has been effective and there have been some exciting things happening in prevention. He said we have some long-term goals and now we need short-term goals or tasks to help us complete some of the things on our list. This would help UPAC to move forward.

Agenda Item: Member Agency Reports: Format and Schedule

Nora B Stephens distributed a draft prevention project report form, which would be used as a guideline for persons presenting to the Council. She asked for any changes or suggestions. It was suggested that the amount and source of funding, agencies they have collaborated with, and agencies they would like to collaborate with be added to the form.

Agenda Item: Other Business

- **Re-Schedule March 28th UPAC Meeting?** – The March meeting was re-scheduled to March 21st.
- **Re-Schedule September UPAC Meeting** – The September meeting was re-scheduled to September 19th.
- **November 15, 2006 Meeting Evaluations** – Nora B Stephens and Verne Larsen both encouraged the Council to look over the evaluations from the last meeting and to complete one for this meeting.

Agenda Item: Next Meeting

The next UPAC Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 2007, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the Utah Department of Human Services, 120 North 200 West, Room 304.